

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. B. J. Worthington on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Dr. B. J. Worthington, who will soon begin a much-deserved retirement from the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS), which he has served as Director of Schools since 2012; and

WHEREAS, an educator since 1982, Dr. Worthington began his career with CMCSS in 1986 as a science teacher; four years later, he left the classroom to become an administrator, a role he fulfilled until he was chosen to serve as the Chief Academic Officer in 2001; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee State University, Dr. B. J. Worthington holds a Doctor of Education degree with a major in Educational Administration and Supervision; he also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University and a master's degree and an Educational Specialist degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, a recognized authority on K-12 education who regularly presents at professional conferences, Dr. Worthington is a certified McREL leadership trainer and is a member of the Education Research Development Institute, the American Association of School Administrators, Learning Forward, ASCD, and the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, an *Education Week* "Leaders to Learn From," Dr. Worthington has received numerous honors throughout his career, including building level Teacher of the Year, District

Administrator of the Year, Middle Tennessee Supervisor of the Year, and Tennessee Mid-Cumberland Regional Superintendent of the Year; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Dr. Worthington is a graduate of the 2012 class of Leadership Clarksville and has served as a member of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce Board, the Economic Development Council Board, the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunities for Children, Austin Peay State University President's Circle of Advisors, Montgomery County Board of Health, and the Austin Peay State University TOWER Club; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of faith, Dr. Worthington is a member of Trenton Crossing Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. B. J. Worthington enjoys the love and support of his wife, Jill Worthington, their two children, Elizabeth and Adam, and their beloved granddaughter, Emma; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. B. J. Worthington has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students, parents, teachers, and school board members of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. B. J. Worthington our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the youth of Tennessee, and wish him much happiness and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.